

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Free Europe Committee - The Senate Subcommittee  
on Internal Security

1. The Free Europe Committee has reported that they have received a request from Robert C. Molanus, staff employee of the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security, Room 130B, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., asking for two scripts broadcast on February 16, 1955, by the Russian desk of RFE/Manich concerning the seizure of the Rumanian Legation in Switzerland by Rumanian anti-communists.

25X1 2. We believe that the reason for this request is a series of complaints that Rumanian emigre groups in Europe have made concerning RFE's treatment of this event. You may also recall that [redacted] also referred to these broadcasts. A summary of RFE's policy guidance on this event and treatment of it in broadcasts from February 16th to March 3rd are attached and in our judgment are considered objective and remarkably similar to the editorial in the New York Times on this incident. This attempt at objectivity did not set well with the Rumanian emigration which immediately began attacks on the Rumanian editor of RFE.

3. As you recall, one of RFE's employees, a Mr. Jahoda, was involved in the planning of this "attack" on the Rumanian Legation in Berne. RFE was very conscious of difficulties which might ensue if the Swiss Government complained to the Germans about such activities, and RFE was therefore conscious of the need for playing this incident carefully.

25X1 4. Providing you see no objection, we propose to ask [redacted] to have Mr. Molanus contacted by an appropriate representative of RFE and have the situation explained to him orally rather than to send him copies of scripts which out of context might be misunderstood.

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